

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Fig. 1 is a view showing a fuel storage device according to a first embodiment to which a method for suppressing fuel evaporation in a fuel storage device of the present invention is applied. The fuel storage device comprises a synthetic resin tank 11 with a capacity of several liters (L), and a fuel neck 21 penetrating the tank wall is connected to the top end of the side wall portion of the tank, with ~~[[an oil]]~~ a fuel supply port 22 at one end thereof. A fuel pump 31 is provided in the tank 11, and feeds fuel sucked from an inlet port, not shown, to a fuel pipeline 41 penetrating the tank wall and communicating with an injector, not shown. To the ceiling of the tank 11, a fuel vapor pipeline 42 penetrating the tank wall is connected so as to feed the fuel vapor generated in the tank 11 to a canister, not shown. The inside of the tank 11 is divided in a horizontal direction by partition plates 12, 13. These plates are members immersed in stored fuel, and holes are punched in them in the direction of thickness of the plates. Some movement of stored fuel F is allowed by these holes, although rapid movement of stored fuel F at the time of acceleration or deceleration or tilting of a vehicle is avoided.

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The basic construction of the fuel storage device of the present embodiment is the same as a conventional fuel storage device. No heat storage piece as in the first and second embodiments is provided. Fig. 8 is a sectional view showing a tank wall of the tank 11A of this fuel storage device, and a multiplicity of micro-capsules 51B, as small containers, are included in a synthetic resin substrate 111 forming the tank wall. Each micro-capsule 51B is as small as a few μm to a few hundred μm , and the heat storage material 52B which constitutes the heat storage means 5B together with the micro-capsule 51B is sealingly filled therein. Micro-capsules 51B are prepared, in advance, with the heat storage materials 52B sealed therein, and these micro-capsules 51B are mixed into the synthetic resin to be used to form the tank wall. The synthetic resin containing these micro-capsules is molded into a shape of a tank to obtain the tank 11A.